NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

United Way
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Dear Colleagues:

A very grateful **THANK-YOU** to all who participated in this year's United Way campaign. Your generous contributions are appreciated and will help serve our community well.

It is not too late to contribute. We are happy to accept your donation on behalf of United Way. Every gift is important.

As we attempt to close this year's campaign, we're still in search of some missing pledge forms. Even if you can not donate at this time, we ask that you let us know by completing your pledge form and returning it to us as soon as possible. We need all forms returned; it is the only way we can be assured everyone has been contacted. Please help us out by completing and returning all pledge forms to us or to one of the campaign committee members. We are anxious to complete our duties as co-chairs and need your help in order to do so.

Thank you,

Tom Geary
Judy Burns
Co-Chairs, United Way/Crusade of Mercy

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

HACKETT AND BATES NEW BIRD CURATORS AT FIELD MUSEUM

The Field Museum welcomes two new curators in Zoology, Drs. Shannon Hackett and John Bates, who arrived in Chicago in October. As Assistant Curators of Birds, they head one of the best collections of Birds in the world. Both are experienced with museum collections, having been post-doctoral fellows at the American Museum of Natural History in New York after earning their Ph.D's at Louisiana State University. Shannon's principal research interests lie in bird evolution, especially using molecular systematics to understand the radiation of South American birds. John's work focuses on population-level patterns; his emphasis on South American birds will dramatically increase our understanding of important conservation issues. As its South American collections are one of the many strengths of our Bird Division, The Field Museum offers Shannon and John an ideal setting for their budding scientific careers.

HEANEY, JACKSON, AND ATP ON PUBLIC RADIO

Larry Heaney (Zoology, Mammals), **Wendy Jackson** (Advanced Training Program), and the Summer 1995 participants in the Advanced Training Program in the Conservation of Biological Diversity were recently featured in a segment aired on public radio by 128 stations in the US and Canada. The interview was conducted in August by Keith Porter of the radio show "Common Ground", which focuses on social, political, and environmental issues around the world. Unfortunately, it aired in Chicago before we learned of the date - and was on at 4:30 AM on a Sunday. For those of you who are interested, but do not happen to be up quite that early on Sundays, a taped copy of the show should be available from Heaney or Jackson within a few days.

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon for October 31, 1995 was presented by Gabrielle Rajoelison, lecturer in the Department of Water and Forestry at the University of Antananarivo in Madagascar, and participant in the Advanced Training Program in the Conservation of Biological Diversity. Gabrielle presented a picture of Madagascar as being extremely diverse in its geology and topography. She discussed how this diversity, coupled with a variety of climates across the country has resulted in a broad range of ecosystems in Madagascar. She reported on the high rates of habitat destruction facing several of these ecosystems, including moist forests and savannahs. Gabrielle discussed several programs being developed and implemented by her university

to help conserve the island's unique flora and fauna. The Department of Forestry and Water has begun establishing tree nurseries near the edges of forests, and has initiated a tree-planting campaign to enrich the natural forests. The trees being used in these programs are native, fast-growing, multipurpose species that people can use for both fuel and construction. The university's programs include efforts to involve the local communities to teach them about the value of these multipurpose trees and about ways to reduce their impact on the native forests.

Exhibits Dept

Please come to an informal brown bag lunch on Tuesday, November 7, between 12 - 1 pm in Conference Room 1 to meet Dirk Houtgraff, head of the exhibition effort at National Museum of Natural History, Leiden, The Netherlands. Dirk will catch us up on the progress of the new museum to open in 1998.

THE NUVEEN FORUM AT THE THE FIELD MUSEUM

Building Collaborative Relationships With Indigenous People

Tuesday, November 9, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30a.m.

Leaders: James Anaya, University of Iowa; Jonathan Haas, The Field Museum

All Staff and Volunteers are Invited to Attend!

RIDE SHARING

Staff members who are interested in sharing rides to/from work:

Sylvie Baldwin, Adler Planetarium (x321), has truck/prefers to be rider, East Hyde Park
Margaret Curran, Field Museum (x212), has car, southwest suburb
Michelle Eskridge, Field Museum (x721) , needs rider, 93rd & Jeffrey area
Laurie Sanders, Field Museum (x843), has car and would like to trade off, Downers Grove
Jim Seevers, Adler Planetarium (322-0218), wants to share driving, Dyer IN
Kristie Webber, Field Museum (x364), would like to switch off, N. Suburbs (near Highland Park or Evanston)
Diane Alexander White, Field Museum (x683), has car, West Rogers Park area
Steve Woods, Adler Planetarium (x541), can drive or ride, north Evanston
Lara Furniss, Field Museum (x340), needs a ride, Andersonville area

If you wish to participate, send your name and information to **Carolyn Klyce**, Natural News.

New Staff and Volunteer Orientation Program

Our next staff and volunteer orientation session will be held in Lecture Hall II on **Friday**, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Recently hired staff and volunteers are cordially invited to attend. The program includes refreshments, a presentation featuring guest speakers and a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the Museum! Check with you supervisor if you plan to attend, and call Heidi in Personnel at ext. 531 to reserve your space today.

Hope to see you there!

WELCOME!!!

(Staff Members who started at the Museum in October)

John Bates	Zoology/Birds	Assistant Curator	632
Donnay Caroll	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Representative	235
Ronald Cundiff	Security Services	Security Services Manager	856
Tom Czajkowski	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator (term)	329
Shannon Hackett	Zoology/Birds	Assistant Curator	470
Veronica Lawson	Public Services	Secretary	859
David Mendez	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator (term)	329
David Moehring	Vending	Vending Assistant	310
Cherrie Musial	Exhibits	Assistant Developer (term)	331
Rose Neumann	Tours	Secretary	251
Richard Quinn	Institutional Adv	Asst to VP for Institutional Adv	617
Addie Scott	Visitor Services	Visitor Services Representative	235
Jeffrey Walker	Zoology/Fishes	Post-doc Research Assistant (term)	537

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK...

(Staff Members who left the Museum in October)

Wilhelmina Asis	Academic Affairs	Intern
John Hall	Biochemistry Labs	Biochemistry Lab Manager
Omwah Sneed	Security Services	Security Officer
Lamonte Wilson	Security Services	Security Officer
Dan Yoshimura	Exhibits	Exhibit Preparator